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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Processing and Reproduction of Photography  
from NRP Missions

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Director, NRO, dated  
23 July 1962, same subject

1. I am herewith returning the Memorandum of Understanding, attached to the referenced document, in which I concur with two clarifying comments.

2. I also concur in the disestablishment of the COMOR-JCS Technical Committee and have requested the Chairman, COMOR, to initiate action to carry this out. Henceforth, it will therefore be the responsibility of the NRO to assess and maintain the photographic quality of the material used for photographic exploitation. I believe it important, however, that the NRO should establish a mechanism whereby it may systematically consult with consumers on technical problems arising in exploitation.

3. I have some reservations with respect to your suggestion that [ ] be made responsible for carrying out all of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding since I believe that a large part of this activity will involve administrative functions. I believe [ ] technical capabilities would be better used by providing technical assistance in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding and helping in any technical activities connected with the maintaining of the photographic quality (paragraph 2, above) as well as in providing the necessary interface between the photographic exploitation community and the camera development work.

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NRO review(s) completed.

Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.

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**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**regarding**  
**Chemical Processing and Reproduction of Photography**  
**from (TS) NRP Missions**

1. This memorandum outlines general guidelines for use in the planning, programming, and management of the principal laboratory facilities for processing and duplicating photographic film resulting from missions under the direction of the (S) National Reconnaissance Office.
2. The principal laboratory facilities to be utilized for this purpose will be the covert capability established at the Eastman Kodak Company and the overt capability established at the AFSPPL facility on Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts.
3. The two Eastman covert contract laboratories presently being supported separately by the CIA and the Air Force will be combined and consolidated. Supervision of the Eastman X Laboratory will be transferred from the Director of Special Projects, OSAF, to the Deputy Director (Research), CIA. The Eastman contract(s) and the AFSPPL facility charter will be changed as required to provide for appropriate utilization of both facilities to support all projects of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program.
4. Management of all covert contracts of these facilities will be assigned to the CIA. Management of the AFSPPL facility will be assigned to the Director of Special Projects, OSAF. Operational control of all of the facilities will be retained by the (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office, as outlined in paragraph 8 below.
5. The Eastman facilities will be utilized for processing all original negative material from all (TS) National Reconnaissance Program missions, plus such additional production as required in order to make the most efficient use of the Eastman-AFSPPL combination. The AFSPPL facility will be utilized to produce duplicates for distribution to users.
6. The Eastman contract(s) will provide for R&D of new techniques by the Eastman facilities and for full support of the AFSPPL facility by Eastman technical personnel, to include training of personnel in the Eastman facilities.

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7. The present obsolete Eastman covert laboratory on Lincoln Avenue will be phased out as soon as possible and the work and appropriate personnel of this activity transferred to the covert Eastman X Laboratory in the Kawkeye Building. All future expansion of the capabilities of this laboratory will be based upon review of the combined capability of this and the AFSPPL to meet all (TS) National Reconnaissance Program production requirements. In this regard, the general orientation of the Eastman Laboratory will be based upon initial processing of the highest quality, together with limited production capability, rather than quantity production.

8. The (S) NRO staff will be responsible for coordinating the production activities and determining and assigning the production workloads of both the Eastman X Laboratory and the AFSPPL. The (S) NRO staff will carry out these tasks in such manner as to meet the priorities established by the USIB through the most efficient utilization of these combined facilities. In this regard, the (S) NRO staff will rely upon USIB to provide information regarding the relative priorities of the individual recipients or groups of recipients receiving duplicate positives and negatives from the various projects of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program. The (S) NRO staff also will make arrangements for other government-owned laboratories to assist in the production of duplicate negatives or positives during periods of temporary overloading of Eastman and AFSPPL facilities.

9. Plans will be prepared for each (TS) NRP project by the responsible Program Director which will include descriptions of the method of handling film, from initial off-loading from the collection vehicle to distribution to the customer. These plans will be prepared in conjunction with the (S) NRO staff and will include method of delivery of film to the processing facilities, the anticipated number of duplicates required, titling data to be used, the requirements for data block reading and distribution of supplemental information.

/s/ Joseph V. Charyk

Joseph V. Charyk  
Director  
(S) National Reconnaissance Office

CONCUR: \*\*

Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.

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**Endorsement to**  
**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**regarding**  
**Chemical Processing and Reproduction of Photography**  
**from (TS) NRP Missions**

Concur, with the following clarifying remarks:

a. That the operational control discussed in Paragraph 4 is intended to be limited to those functions quoted in Paragraph 8 since it is believed that other management responsibility for the respective facilities should be vested in CIA and Director of Special Projects, OSAF.

b. Paragraph 5 should not be understood to eliminate processing of original negative material at certain overseas locations, [redacted] where tactical usage demands rapid processing. Likewise, [redacted] it is deemed desirable that the duplicate positive and negative material furnished NPIC for rapid community exploitation should be processed at Eastman. It is agreed AFSPPL should quite appropriately produce the major portion of duplicate material required.

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